Research project this year will allow me to plan my friend Petra’s 18th birthday party. I thought of this over the Christmas holidays after discussing with her the plans for her party. I offered to do it because I want to be an event manager after year 12 and this is a good training opportunity as it includes a topic I am not yet familiar with, consultations with a ‘client’, and researching and planning qualities I will need in this profession.

I know the amount of people Petra wants at her party which is why I want it to be at a venue. It is her 18th which means she and her friends who are of age will want to go into town afterwards.

Things to consider:

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| *When the party is* | I can find these things out with an interview with Petra and her parents. |
| *How many people* |
| *Where – House or Venue* |
| *Theme* |
| *Music – DJ, Band, bring your own CD’s* |
| *If at a venue – Will there be a tab* | These things are issues to talk about with Petra and if she chooses to hire a venue I will need to talk to a worker of that facility. Before I talk to workers, I will check the venue websites. |
| *Will there be food* |
| *Picture slide show – Projector availability* |
| *Venue hire prices* |

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| *Are there any free entry offers from places in town?* | Internet research. Call venues. |
| *Would she want a mini-bus taxi to take her and her friends on a pub crawl?* | Interview with Petra. |
| *Are her and her friends going to stay at one place for the night or move around?* | Interview with Petra. |

These are just some guiding questions that can help me organize a party that Petra and her friends would enjoy. Interviews with Petra, her family and workers of venues as well as internet research information will allow me to gain the knowledge I need to plan this 18th party.

To keep my ethical credibility intact, before any interviews, I will give the interviewees permission slips which will allow me to quote them in any of my final products. I will also get permission forms before taking any photos of venues which I intend to do to take back to Petra and show her so she can decide which one she wants. Through-out this whole process I will keep checking in with Petra and her parents to ensure that they are happy with everything I am planning for her 18th.

As I stated in my introduction paragraph, Event managing is a career I want to pursue after I finish school which is why I have chosen the “**Work Capability**” to categorize my Research Project under. I aim to find out what the courses are in order to achieve my future career goals or find any other pathways into this chosen profession. If I am able to make some contacts or note any tricks along the way, it will also be a bonus and another benefit from Research Project.